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MINIMUM WEEKLY WAGE RATES AND PRESCRIBED HOURS OF LABOUR FOR EMPLOYEES  
IN SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE,  
AUSTRALIA, AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1958 (a)

(Wages and hours are quoted from Awards, Determinations or Agreements operative  
at 31st December, 1958)

ADULT MALES

Industry & Occupation	SYDNEY		MELBOURNE	
	Wage Rate	Hours	Wage Rate	Hours
<u>WOOD, FURNITURE, SAWMILLS, ETC.</u>	s. d.		s. d.	
<u>COOPERING</u> -				
Cooper	343/-	40	348/-	40
<u>FURNITURE</u> -				
Cabinet Maker	345/-	"	335/-	"
Chairmaker	345/-	"	335/-	"
French Polisher	345/-	"	335/-	"
Wood Carver	345/-	"	335/-	"
Wood Machinist	345/-	"	335/-	"
<u>SAWMILLING AND TIMBER YARDS</u>				
Box and Case Maker	308/-	"	300/-	"
Labourer	282/-	"	274/-	"
Machinist -				
Boults Carver	338/-	"	330/-	"
Moulding	338/-	"	330/-	"
Planing	338/-	"	330/-	"
Shaping	338/-	"	330/-	"
Orderman	316/-	"	308/-	"
Sawyer -				
Band or Jig	343/-	"	335/-	"
Circular	335/-	"	327/-	"
Tallyman	311/-	"	303/-	"
<u>ENGINEERING, METAL WORKS, ETC.</u>				
<u>BOILERMAKING</u> -				
Boilermaker	343/-	"	335/-	"
Helper	291/-	"	283/-	"
Labourer	277/-	"	269/-	"
<u>ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION</u>				
Electrical Mechanic	354/-	"	335/-	"
<u>ELECTRICAL SUPPLY</u>				
Electrical Fitter	400/-	"	358/-	"
Instrument Maker	424/-	"	383/-	"
Linesman	385/-	"	338/-	"
Sub-Station Maintenance Fitter	403/-	"	338/-	"

(a) It has been decided to discontinue the comments on particular occupations and sources of wage rates and hours supplied in previous statements.

## WEEKLY WAGE RATES AND HOURS, ADULT MALES, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE,

31ST DECEMBER, 1958 - (Cont'd.)

Industry & Occupation	SYDNEY		MELBOURNE	
	Wage Rate	Hours	Wage Rate	Hours
<u>ENGINEERING, METAL WORKS, ETC. - (Cont'd.)</u>				
<u>ENGINEERING</u> -				
Blacksmith	345/-	40	337/6	40
Brassfinisher	343/-	"	335/-	"
Coppersmith	345/-	"	337/6	"
Fitter	343/-	"	335/-	"
Labourer	277/-	"	269/-	"
Patternmaker	365/6	"	357/6	"
Shaper	343/-	"	335/-	"
Striker	295/6	"	287/6	"
Turner	343/-	"	335/-	"
<u>FOUNDRY</u> -				
Coremakers-machine	318/-	"	310/-	"
Coremakers - jobbing	343/-	"	335/-	"
Dressers	315/6	"	307/6	"
Furnacemen	313/-	"	305/-	"
Moulders - machine	318/-	"	310/-	"
Moulders - jobbing	343/-	"	335/-	"
<u>SHEET METAL WORKING</u> -				
Canister Maker	298/-	"	290/-	"
Machinist	290/-	"	282/-	"
Solderer	298/-	"	290/-	"
Sheet metal worker 1st Class	343/-	"	335/-	"
Sheet metal worker 2nd Class	318/-	"	310/-	"
<u>FOOD, DRINK AND TOBACCO, ETC.</u>				
<u>BAKING (BREAD)</u> -				
Board Hand	356/-	"	362/6	"
Ovensman	364/6	"	362/6	"
Single Hand	361/-	"	385/10	"
Bread Carter	333/-	"	335/6	"
<u>BAKING (BISCUITS AND CAKES)</u> -				
Baker	324/-	"	313/-	"
Labourer	291/6	"	283/-	"
Mixer	311/6	"	311/-	"
<u>BREWING</u> -				
Cellarman	318/-	"	310/-	"
Driver (Motor 3 tons)	332/-	"	305/6	"
Labourer	318/-	"	303/-	"
Malt Hand	318/-	"	308/-	"
Towerman	325/-	"	310/-	"
<u>BUTCHERING (RETAIL)</u> -				
Carter (1 horse)	311/-	"	303/-	"
General Butcher	343/-	"	335/-	"
Shopman	343/-	"	335/-	"
Smallgoodsman	343/-	"	335/-	"
<u>CONFECTIONERY</u> -				
Confectioner (Grade 1)	330/-	"	320/-	"
Storeman	313/-	"	306/6	"
<u>JAM MAKING</u> -				
General Labourer	287/-	"	287/-	"
Solderer	292/-	"	292/-	"
<u>MEAT PACKING</u> -				
Capper	331/-	"	341/-	"
Guillotine Hand	310/-	"	353/10	"
Jokerman	324/-	"	337/-	"
Packer	310/-	"	337/-	"
Seamer	331/-	"	341/-	"

## WEEKLY WAGE RATES AND HOURS, ADULT MALES, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE,

31ST DECEMBER, 1958 - (Cont'd.)

Industry & Occupation	SYDNEY		MELBOURNE	
	Wage Rate s. d.	Hours	Wage Rate s. d.	Hours
<u>FOOD, DRINK AND TOBACCO, ETC. - (Cont'd.)</u>				
<u>MILLING (FLOUR) -</u>				
Miller (Shift)	385/-	40	385/-	40
Packerman	323/-	"	323/-	"
Purifierman	327/6	"	327/6	"
Smuttermen	327/6	"	327/6	"
Storeman (Head)	338/-	"	338/-	"
Topman	327/6	"	327/6	"
<u>PAstryCOOKING -</u>				
Packer	306/-	"	281/-	"
Pastrycook	350/-	"	332/-	"
<u>CLOTHING, HATS, BOOTS, ETC.</u>				
<u>BOOTMAKING -</u>				
Clicker	317/-	"	317/-	"
<u>TAILORING (ORDER) -</u>				
Cutter	423/-	"	358/-	"
Presser	320/-	"	320/-	"
Tailor	331/-	"	331/-	"
<u>TAILORING (READYMADE) -</u>				
Cutter	336/-	"	336/-	"
Presser	320/-	"	320/-	"
Tailor	331/-	"	331/-	"
Trimmer	320/-	"	320/-	"
<u>TEXTILE WORKING (WOOLLEN MILLS) -</u>				
Carder	295/-	"	295/-	"
Dyehouseman	300/-	"	300/-	"
Labourer (General)	266/-	"	266/-	"
Scourer (Wool)	309/6	"	309/6	"
Spinner	295/-	"	295/-	"
Loom Tuner	333/-	"	333/-	"
Warper (Plain)	298/-	"	298/-	"
<u>BOOKS, PRINTING, BINDING, ETC.</u>				
<u>BOOKBINDING -</u>				
Finisher	343/-	"	335/-	"
Bockbinder	343/-	"	335/-	"
Paper Ruler	343/-	"	335/-	"
<u>PRINTING (DAILY NEWSPAPER) (a) -</u>				
Compositor (Machine) -				
Day Work	433/-	"	453/6	38
Night Work	453/-	"	489/6	"
Machinist (First Hand) -				
Day Work	388/-	"	429/6	40
Night Work	408/-	"	465/6	38
Publisher -				
Day Work	358/-	"	366/6	40
Night Work	378/-	"	402/6	38
Reader -				
Day Work	398/-	"	429/-	40
Night Work	418/-	"	465/-	38
Stereotyper -				
Day Work	388/-	"	425/-	39
Night Work	408/-	"	461/-	38
<u>PRINTING (JOBBING OFFICES) -</u>				
Compositor	365/6	"	357/6	40
Linotype Operator	365/6	"	357/6	"
Machinist	343/-	"	335/-	"
Reader	350/6	"	342/6	"
Stereotyper	343/-	"	335/-	"

(a) The rates shown are not strictly comparable with those previously supplied.

## WEEKLY WAGE RATES AND HOURS, ADULT MALES, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE,

31ST DECEMBER, 1958 - (Cont'd.)

Industry & Occupation	SYDNEY		MELBOURNE	
	Wage Rate	Hours	Wage Rate	Hours
<u>OTHER MANUFACTURING</u>	s. d.		s. d.	
<u>BRICKMAKING</u> -				
Burner	321/6	40	314	40
Pitman	336/4	"	334/6	"
Drawer	343/6	"	326/-	"
Trucker	332/-	"	308/-	"
Setter	343/6	"	326/-	"
<u>VEHICLE BUILDING</u> -				
Bodymaker, 1st Class	343/-	"	335/-	"
Labourer	271/-	"	263/-	"
Painter	335/6	"	327/6	"
Springfitter	343/-	"	335/-	"
Trimmer	335/6	"	327/6	"
Wheelwright	343/-	"	335/-	"
<u>GAS-MAKING AND SUPPLY</u> -				
Coke Trimmer	300/-	"	284/-	"
Gasfitter	366/-	"	352/6	"
Labourer	311/-	"	278/-	"
Meter Tester	323/-	"	313/-	"
Service Layer	328/-	"	305/6	"
Service Layer's Labourer	297/-	"	281/-	"
Operator retort house	318/-	"	303/-	"
<u>JEWELLERY</u> -				
Chainmaker	343/-	"	325/6	"
Mounter	358/-	"	353/-	"
Setter	358/-	"	353/-	"
<u>LEATHER AND CANVAS WORK</u> -				
Canvas Worker	320/-	"	312/-	"
Leather Worker	320/-	"	312/-	"
<u>TANNING AND CURRYING</u> -				
Beamsman	321/6	"	313/6	"
Labourer	291/6	"	283/6	"
Lime Jobber	319/6	"	311/6	"
<u>Machinist</u> -				
Shaving	329/-	"	321/-	"
Splitting	346/6	"	338/6	"
Unhairing	321/6	"	313/6	"
Tableman	322/6	"	314/6	"
<u>BUILDING</u> *				
Bricklayer (Surface)	376/8	"	398/4	"
Bricklayer (Sewer and Tunnel)	396/5	"	413/11	"
Carpenter	385/-	"	402/6	"
Mason (Stone)	375/-	"	342/-	"
Painter	372/6	"	395/10	"
Paperhanger	372/6	"	395/10	"
Signwriter	388/4	"	395/10	"
Plasterer (Surface)	381/8	"	398/4	"
Plumber	389/3	"	408/5	"
<u>Labourer</u> -				
Bricklayer's	318/4	"	342/6	"
Carpenter's	318/4	"	342/6	"
Concrete Workers	318/4	"	342/6	"
Earth Excavator	318/4	"	342/6	"
Gear Worker	329/2	"	364/2	"
Scaffold Hand	329/2	"	364/2	"

\* Rates are weekly equivalents of hourly rates. They include allowances for leave, holidays, following the job, etc.

## WEEKLY WAGE RATES AND HOURS, ADULT MALES, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE,

31ST DECEMBER, 1958 - (Cont'd.)

Industry & Occupation	SYDNEY		MELBOURNE	
	Wage Rate	Hours	Wage Rate	Hours
<u>RAILWAY AND TRAMWAY SERVICES</u>	s. d.		s. d.	
<u>RAILWAYS -</u>				
Engine Driver (Loco) -				
Steam, diesel electric or electric	403/-	Ø	398/-	Ø
Express Mail or Passenger	423/-	Ø	413/-	Ø
Shunting Engine	363/-	Ø	339/6	Ø
Fireman -				
Ordinary	325/6	Ø	315/6	Ø
Express Mail or Passenger	333/-	Ø	323/-	Ø
Shunting Engine	306/6	Ø	296/6	Ø
Guard -				
1st Class	351/-	Ø	356/-	Ø
2nd Class	327/-	Ø	341/-	Ø
Porter	296/-	Ø	300/6	Ø
Shunter -				
Head	411/-	+	..	..
Leading	369/6	+	359/6	+
Ordinary	327/-	+	317/-	+
Signalman -				
1st Class	389/6	+	353/-	+
2nd Class	374/6	Ø	336/-	Ø
3rd Class	363/-	Ø	323/-	Ø
<u>TRAMWAYS -</u>				
Conductor -				
1st Year	298/-	Ø	286/-	40
2nd Year and thereafter	313/-	Ø	300/6	"
Labourer	296/-	Ø	281/-	"
Track Repairer	309/-	Ø	289/-	"
Tram driver	325/6	Ø	308/-	"
Pitman	325/6	Ø	312/-	"
<u>TRANSPORT (OTHER)</u>				
<u>CARRYING MERCHANDISE -</u>				
Carter -				
1 Horse	309/-	40	283/6	"
2 Horses	318/-	"	296/-	"
Stable Hand	309/6	"	278/-	"
Motor Lorries and Waggons -				
3 tons	336/-	"	305/6	"
Over 3 tons but under 6 tons	349/6	"	315/-	"
<u>WHARF LABOUR -</u>				
Wharf Labourer (per hour)	10/4		10/4	
<u>HOTELS, ETC.</u>				
<u>HOTELS -</u>				
Barman	308/-	40	300/-	40
Billiard Marker	288/-	"	280/-	"
Cook	383/-	"	375/-	"
Handyman	288/-	"	280/-	"
Kitchenman	288/-	"	280/-	"
Porter	288/-	"	280/-	"
Waiter	288/-	"	280/-	"
<u>HAIRDRESSING -</u>				
Hairdresser	343/-	"	328/-	"

Ø 80 hours per fortnight.

+ 76 hours per fortnight.

WEEKLY WAGE RATES AND HOURS, ADULT MALES, SYDNEY, 30TH JUNE, 1958 - (Cont'd.)

Industry & Occupation	Wage Rate	Hours	Remarks	Source
<u>RAILWAY AND TRAMWAY SERVICES (Cont'd.)</u>				
<u>RAILWAYS (Cont'd.)</u>	s. d.			
Shunter -				
Head	412/-	+	Special class	)
Leading	370/6	+	Senior-first class	) Railway Traffic
Ordinary	328/-	+	After 2 years experience	) Permanent Way and
Signalman				) Signalling Wages Staff
1st Class	390/6	+		) Award - (Commonwealth)
2nd Class	375/6	Ø		)
3rd Class	364/-	Ø		)
<u>TRAMWAYS</u>				
Conductor -				
1st Year	299/-	Ø		
2nd Year and thereafter	314/-	Ø		) N.S.W. Tramways and
Labourer	297/-	Ø		) Omnibus
Track Repairer	310/-	Ø	First Class	) Award -
Tram driver	326/6	Ø		) (Commonwealth)
Pitman	326/6	Ø		)
<u>TRANSPORT (OTHER)</u>				
<u>CARRYING MERCHANTISE</u> -				
Carter -				
1 Horse	310/-	40		)
2 Horses	319/-	"		) Carters and
Stable Hand	310/6	"		) Motor Waggon
Motor Lorries and Waggons -				) Drivers
3 tons	337/-	"		) (State) Award
Over 3 tons but under 6 tons	350/6	"		)
<u>WHARF LABOUR</u> -				
Wharf Labourer (per hour)	10/4			Waterside Workers Award - (Commonwealth)
<u>HOTELS, ETC.</u>				
<u>HOTELS</u> -				
Barman	308/-	40		)
Billiard Marker	288/-	"		) Liquor Trades
Cook	383/-	"	First Cook - 8 or more persons employed in kitchen	) (Hotel and Wine Saloons) Award - (Commonwealth)
Handyman	288/-	"		)
Kitchenman	288/-	"		)
Porter	288/-	"		)
Waiter	288/-	"		)
<u>HAIRDRESSING</u> -				
Hairdresser	344/-	"	Ladies' and Men's	Male Hairdressers (State) Award
<u>GENERAL LABOUR</u>				
<u>FACTORY ENGINE DRIVING</u> -				
Engine Driver -				
1st Class	331/-	40	With Condenser	)
2nd Class	320/6	"	" "	) Engine Drivers
Fireman -				) and Firemen's
1st Class	313/-	"		) (General) Award
2nd Class	300/6	"		) (Commonwealth)
<u>MUNICIPAL</u> -				
Labourer	337/-	"	Labourer - General	) Sydney City
Street Sweeper	343/-	"	Labourer - 3rd Grade	) Council Agreement (State)

Ø 80 hours per fortnight.

+ 76 hours per fortnight.

WEEKLY WAGE RATES AND HOURS, ADULT MALES AND FEMALES, SYDNEY, 30TH JUNE, 1958 (Cont'd.)

Industry & Occupation	Wage Rate	Hours	Remarks	Source
<u>GENERAL LABOUR (Cont'd.)</u>				
<u>SHOP ASSISTANTS</u> -	s. d.			
Boot Salesman	336/-	40	At 23 years of age & over	
Drapery Salesman	336/-	"	" " " " "	
Furniture Salesman	336/-	"	" " " " "	
Grocery Salesman	336/-	"	" " " " "	
Hardware Salesman	336/-	"	" " " " "	
Men's Clothing Salesman	336/-	"	" " " " "	
<u>STOREMEN AND PACKERS</u> -				
Packer (General)	314/-	"		
Storeman (General)	314/-	"		
<u>ADULT FEMALES</u>				
<u>BISCUIT MAKING</u>	207/4	40	At 21 years of age & over	Biscuit & Cake Makers (State) Award
<u>CONFECTIONERY</u>	219/6	"		Confectioners (State) Award
<u>CLOTHING AND TEXTILES</u>				
<u>BOOTMAKING</u>	217/6	40		Footwear Manufacturers Award (Commonwealth)
<u>DRESSMAKING READYMADe</u> -				
Cutter	236/6	"		
<u>MILLINERY</u> - Cutter	236/6	"		
<u>SHIRT MAKING</u> - Cutter	236/6	"		
<u>UNDERCLOTHING</u> - Cutter	236/6	"		
<u>TAILORING (MEN'S) ORDER</u> -				
Coat Hand (Machinist)	236/6	"		Clothing Trades
Trousers & Vest Hand	222/-	"		Award (Commonwealth)
Tailoress	257/6	"		
Adult Female	201/6	"		
<u>TAILORING (MEN'S)</u>				
<u>READYMADE</u> -				
Coat Hand (Machinist)	225/-	"		
Trousers & Vest Hand	219/-	"		
Adult Female	201/6	"		
<u>TEXTILE WORKING WOOLLEN MILLS</u> -				
Comb Minder	215/6	"	After 6 months experience	Textile Industry
Darner and Mender	220/6	"	" " " "	(Woollen and
Warper, Plain	217/6	"	" " " "	Worsted
Weaver, (Loom)	220/6	"	" " " "	Section) Award -
Gillbox Minder	213/6	"	" " " "	(Commonwealth)
Other Adult	199/6	"	" " " "	
<u>BOOKS, PRINTING, ETC.</u>				
<u>BOOKBINDING</u> -				
Folder	225/-	40		
Sewer	225/-	"		
<u>CARDBOARD BOX</u> -				
Boxmaker	223/-	"	When boxes are covered with paper	
Other	213/6	"		
<u>PRINTING</u> -				
Jobbing Office Assistant	225/-	"		Graphic Arts Award (Commonwealth)
<u>HOTELS AND RESTAURANTS</u>				
<u>HOTELS</u> -				
Barmaid	238/6	40		
Housemaid	218/-	"		
Laundress	219/-	"		
Waitress - Head	225/-	"		
Other	218/-	"		

WEEKLY WAGE RATES AND HOURS. ADULT FEMALES, SYDNEY, 30TH JUNE, 1958 - (Cont'd.)

Industry & Occupation	Wage Rate	Hours	Remarks	Source
<u>HOTELS AND RESTAURANTS (Cont'd.)</u>				
	s. d.			
RESTAURANTS -				
Pantry Girl	213/-	40		
Waitress	213/-	"		) Restaurant etc. ) Employees Award (State)
<u>SHOPS, ETC.</u>				
CLERKS -				
Cashiers (Shops)	245/-	40		) Shop Assistants etc. ) (Metro)
Clerical Assistants	237/6	"		) Award (State) Clerks (State) Award
SHOPS				
Boot Saleswoman	336/-	"	Men's and Youths' Footwear	) Shop Assistants etc. ) (Metropolitan)
Drapery Saleswoman	336/-	"		) ( Award (State)
Fruit and Confectionery Saleswoman	237/6	"		Shop Assistants, Confectioners, etc. (State) Award
Newsagent and Bookstall Saleswoman	245/-	"		Shop Assistants, etc. (Metropolitan) Award (State).

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